28 APRIL 2024, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B



FEAST DAY- 31 JULY

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. JAMES

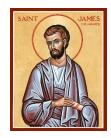
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FEAST DAY- 25 JULY

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH

326 Church Street, RICHMOND VIC 3121

Mass Times Daily

12.00 noon (Monday - Friday)

Saturday

5.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday

9.30am (English) 12.00 noon (Polish) 4.00pm (Vietnamese)

Anointing of the Sick 1st Friday of the Month

ST JAMES CHURCH

162 Kent Street, NORTH RICHMOND, VIC 3121

> Mass Times Sunday: 11.00am

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SACRAMENTS

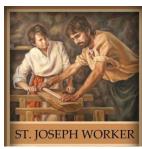
Baptism

Please contact Parish office.

ReconciliationBy appointment

Wedding
Contact Parish Office

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER - 1 MAY



The feast of St. Joseph the Worker is celebrated on May 1st each year by the Catholic Church. There is very little about the life of Joseph in Scripture but still, we know that he was the husband of Mary, the foster father of Jesus, a carpenter and a man who was not wealthy. We also know that he came from the royal lineage of King David.

We can see from his actions in scripture that Joseph was a compassionate man, and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them. He worked tirelessly to proved for his family and taught Jesus the skills he needed to become a carpenter as well. He was a faithful and hardworking man, who lived a life of service to God and his family.

This day, is also to celebrate the dignity of work and the contributions that workers make to our society.

In addition to the feast day, there are numerous prayers dedicated to St. Joseph.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

God our Father, Creator and Ruler of the universe, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good or others.

With St. Joseph as our guide, help us to do the work You have asked and come to the rewards you have promised.

Please grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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If you would like to receive the **weekly bulletin** via email, please sign up on the parish website or simply scan the QR code.



A JESUIT PARISH OUR MISSION

We share responsibility to: Practise and promote gospel values, recognise and respond to the ever-changing needs of the community and foster a faith that leads to justice. As a parish open to change desiring to be a community, we strive to live the gospel values of: Diversity, Hospitality and Inclusivity.

We respectfully
ACKNOWLEDGE the
Wurundjeri people of
the Kulin nation, as the
traditional caretakers
of the land which is
the Richmond Catholic
Parish.

We acknowledge the Elders, past &present. May we too, be good stewards of this land.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN & ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Richmond Catholic
Parish holds the care,
safety and wellbeing of
children and all
vulnerable people as a
central and
fundamental
responsibility for our
community.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)

- **2.** All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (**R.**)
- **3.** And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John *All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.* Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are

collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty; from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

STAY FOR A CUPPA

IN THE PRESBYTERY: Saturday 27 April – after the 5.00pm Vigil Mass

VERANDAH OF THE PARISH HOUSE: Sunday 28 April -After the 9.30am Mass



FEAST DAYS

APRIL - FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

29th Saint Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the

30th Saint Pius V, pope

JESUIT MISSION MAYTIME FAIR SATURDAY 4 MAY 2024



A tradition at Xavier College since 1952, the Jesuit Mission Maytime Fair is back!

The Fair will include entertainment for parents and children with a huge array of food, music, rides, arts and

crafts, games, a wine auction, sport, face painting, show bags and more. All proceeds from the day will support the work of Jesuit Mission to empower vulnerable communities in over 10 countries in South East Asia and Africa. Come join us on **Saturday 4 May from 9am to 5pm at Xavier College** Kew and together we can uplift communities in need. All Day Rides Passes can be purchased at jesuitmission.org.au/rides.

RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH SUPPORT OF THE MAYTIME FAIR

Richmond Catholic Parish will be running a stall at this year's Maytime Fair. The stall will be selling Vietnamese spring rolls and chicken wings. We ask that you support this stall, as all money collected will go to Jesuit Mission to continue their great work. We are **seeking volunteers** to help work in the stall. If you able to assist, please contact Licia Marchese in the parish office on 8420 6789.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Richmond Catholic Parish would like to hear from any families, whose children do not attend a Catholic School, and are seeking for their children be prepared to receive any of the following Sacraments: Reconciliation; First Communion or Confirmation.

Please contact the Parish office on 8420 6789 or email: parish@ignatius.org.au for further information.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

DATE	5.00PMSATURDAY	DATE	9.30AM
	VIGIL MASS		SUNDAY MASS
04/05	Therese Keogh	05/05	Kaye Hogan
11/05	Giovanna Scollo	12/05	Mary Ebolo
18/05	Julia Walters	19/05	Licia Marchese
25/05	Haydn Walters	26/05	Simon Feely
06/06	Therese Keogh	07/07	Mary Ebolo
13/07	Marlon D'Souza	14/05	Kaye Hogan
27/07	Julia Walters	28/07	Licia Marchese

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL





Next weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health service, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support.

Donations from our Parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA (1347-1380) 29 APRIL

St Catherine of Siena was born into a strong and determined family. It was reflected in her own radical desire to follow God's way for her, her uncompromising commitment to prayer and fasting, and her persistence in winning others to do God's will. Her father was a trader, one of the leading families responsible for ruling the town of Siena. The family home, still standing, is impressive even by today's standards. Catherine's mother was a poet, and was evidently strong in both body and will. Catherine was the twenty third of the twenty-five children that her mother bore.

In her early childhood, Catherine dedicated herself to God. When her older sister died while engaged in an advantageous alliance, Catherine's parents put pressure on her to marry her sister's fiancé. It is easy to sympathise with them. At a time when women's future usually depended on finding a reliable husband, the challenge to settle so many children for life through marriage was surely formidable. Catherine, however, responded by a stratagem her mother had used when protesting against her husband's roughness. She went on a fast and cut her hair to signify her commitment to God.

She also turned her back on the preferred alternative to marriage – a sheltered life in a contemplative community. She joined a group of lay women who followed St Dominic's rule and gave herself to solitary prayer. A line attributed to her in her teens shows her intensity of purpose: 'Build a cell inside your mind from which you can never flee.'

She modelled her spirituality on that of St Dominic, and joined a group of lay women associated with his spirituality. Three years later she joined others in serving the ill and the poor, refusing to accept the cultural alternatives of marrying or being enclosed in a convent. A Dominican was her spiritual adviser through her life. The women gave themselves to the poor, going to visit and to help with food.

In 1367 she went out into the public world and took an active part in church affairs. The Pope at the time lived in Avignon. He was strongly influenced by the King of France whose palace was nearby, much to the resentment of people in Rome. Catherine pressed him to return to Rome, corresponding with him and with church and social leaders in Italy and France. Most of her letters were dictated. She learned to write only in 1377.

Her last years were both busy and tumultuous. She eventually helped Pope Gregory XI to return from Avignon to Rome. He sent her on embassies to resolve conflicts in Florence and other city states, one of which ended with an attempt on her life. After Gregory died and Pope Urban X was chosen in preference to a Bishop from Avignon, Bishops unhappy with the vote called a Council that deposed Urban in favour of the Avignon candidate. When Urban continued to claim the Papacy Catherine spent much time and energy rallying support for him.

Her activity, shown in the many lively letters that she wrote, did not distract her from her deep commitment to prayer and to a penitential life. In her later years, too, she wrote significant books, one recording visions of God giving instruction in the Christian life and the other a more direct instruction on faith. She died from malnutrition at the age of 33. - Fr. Andy Hamilton, SJ

READERS' ROSTER					
ST IGNATIUS CHURCH					
Saturday	Mary	Sunday	Sr. Tina		
27/04 5.00pm	Burns	28/04 9.30am	Lubong FDZ		
Saturday	Peter	Sunday	Gabrielle		
04/05 5.00pm	Keogh	05/05 9.30am	Keenan		
ST JAMES CHURCH					
Sunday	Margaret	Sunday	Greg		
28/04 11:00am	Gibson	05/05 11:00am	Strange		

ST IGNATIUS AND ST JAMES CHURCHES COLLECTION WEEK – 20/21 APRIL 2024			
Thanksgiving Envelopes	\$285.65		
Loose Collection	\$2072.00		